

Needham Youth Services

April RAY of Hope Recipient

Ben Wildman



Left to right: Jon Mattleman, Director Needham Youth Services, Ben Wildman, April RAY Recipient, and Paulette Harwood, owner of Paulette's Ballet Studio

Ben Wildman is a senior at Needham High School. He has always been actively involved in community service through Boy Scouts and the Congregational Church. His community service efforts were acknowledged at Needham High School last year when he received the Stephanie Kalin Memorial Award. During high school Ben has participated in service trips to locations such as Maine, Vermont, Pennsylvania, Mississippi, Florida and Guatemala. His Eagle Scout project involved leading volunteers to build map kiosks at Ridge Hill. He also demonstrated his leadership skills as the crew chief for a grueling 75 mile backpacking trip at high altitude in the mountains of New Mexico. Ben plays flute, piano and saxophone and is an avid photographer. He is a member of the Needham High School marching band, the swim team and the technical crews for Needham High School and St Joseph's musicals and plays. After graduation, he is looking forward to spending time in Australia before heading off to Boston University. Watch the Needham Channels story about the ceremony honoring Ben at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hsBIP3DAY5Y>.

The RAY of Hope Program (Recognize A Youth), created by Needham Youth Services in partnership with the Needham Business Association, was designed to identify young people who have performed outstanding service to the Needham community and/or who by their actions are excellent role models for their peers. For more information please visit www.needhamma.gov/youth/ray.

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